

**EUPITHECIA TENUIATA HUBN. (SLENDER PUG) IN INVERNESS-SHIRE** — Two females of this species were taken in the Rothamsted Insect Survey light trap at Fort Augustus, Inverness, (Site No. 49, O.S. ref. NH 366 092) during the period 23/25-viii-1985. Their identities were confirmed by examination of the genitalia. So far as I am aware this species has not previously been recorded from Inverness-shire.

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## Current Literature

**The World of Butterflies : an illustrated encyclopedia** by **Valerio Sbordoni** and **Saverio Forestiero**. 312 pp; numerous colour illust. A4 format. Boards. Blandford Press. (1985) £20.00.

This volume, lavishly illustrated by paintings, covers all of the Lepidoptera. At first sight, the title and general presentation gives the impression of another "coffee table" book, but nothing could be further from the truth. The book attempts, with a fair measure of success, to cover many aspects of the biology and bionomics of the Lepidoptera. Chapters, all copiously illustrated, cover structure, origin and relationships of butterflies and moths; life cycle and metamorphosis; diversity and evolution; origin of species; systematics (including a survey of all families); behaviour; populations, demography and migrations; ecological relationships; strategies against predation and mimicry; ecological distribution; geographical distribution and "butterflies and man". There are also short sections on collecting, conservation and a brief bibliography.

Originally published in Italy, the text has translated very well. In content it is informative and easy to read. The illustrations are used to good effect, portraying themes from geographical variation (including, for once, material on geographical variation in European butterflies), to larval habits, courtship and interaction with predators. Very much a cut above the normal "encyclopedia of . . ." **PAUL SOKOLOFF**.

**The dragonflies of Great Britain and Ireland** by **C. O. Hammond**. 116 pp, 20 coloured plates, numerous maps & figs. 2nd ed. 1985. Harley Books. Paperback £9.75.

This excellent volume on British Dragonflies (first reviewed in the second edition *Ent. Rec.* 96: 40) has now been re-issued in a